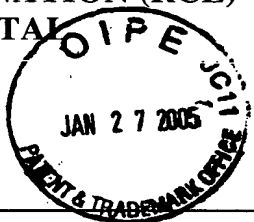


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1724 RCE

<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Mail Stop RCE Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450	Application Number:	09/594,324
	Filing Date:	6/15/00
	First Named Inventor:	Toshio Matsumura
	Group Art Unit:	1724
	Examiner Name:	I. Cintins
	Attorney Docket No.	00650P02240US



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously-filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
  - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on.
  - ii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
  - iv. ☒ Other: Declaration of Tsuyoshi Urabe

2. **Miscellaneous.** Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of:

- a. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees.** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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790.00 OP

Small Entity

Large Entity

For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee		Rate	Fee
Basic Fee					\$150.00	OR		\$300.00
Total Claims	21	- 20 =	1	x \$25.00	\$	OR	x \$50.00	\$50.00
Indep. Claims	1	- 3 =	0	x \$100.00	\$	OR	x \$200.00	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims				+ \$180.00	\$	OR	+ \$360.00	\$
Utility Application Size Fee (per 50 pages exceeding 100)				+ \$125.00			+ \$250.00	
Utility Search Fee				\$250.00	\$250.00		\$500.00	\$500.00
Utility Examination Fee				\$100.00	\$100.00		\$200.00	\$200.00
				TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$1050.00

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DAH:230785 Name/Number:09594324  
FC: 9204 \$260.00 CR

☒ A check in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

- i. ☐ RCE filing fee  
☐ Extension of time fee  
☒ Other Any deficiencies in filing fees.

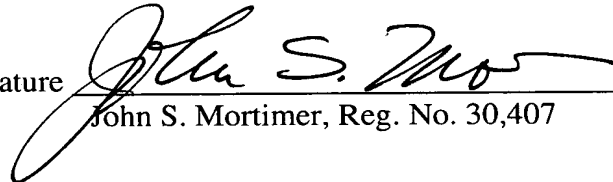
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL**

I hereby certify that this Request For Continued Examination Transmittal and any other documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited in an envelope with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

Express Mail Label No.: EV576543561

Date of Deposit: 1-27-05

Typed/Printed Name of Person Signing: Terri Craine

Signature: 